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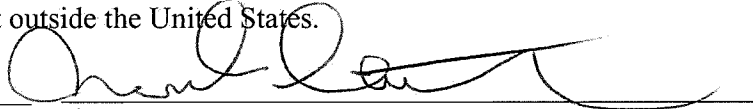
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Printed/Typed Name

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For Defendant

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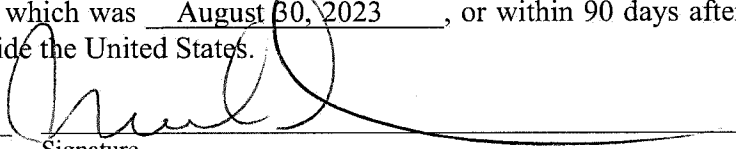
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Mark W. Peterson
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Steward Health Care Holdings LLC
For Defendant

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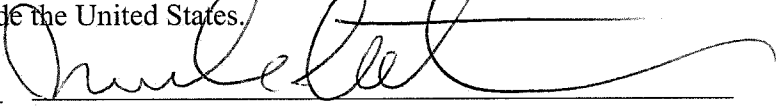
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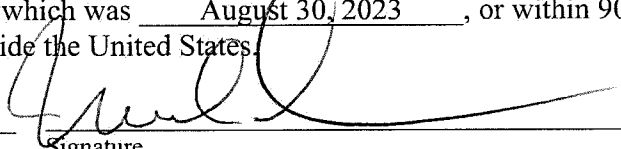
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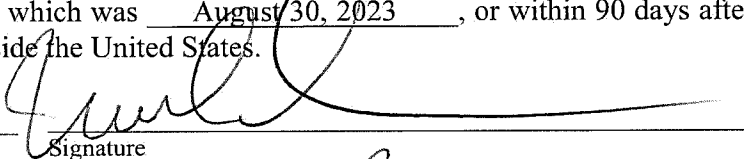
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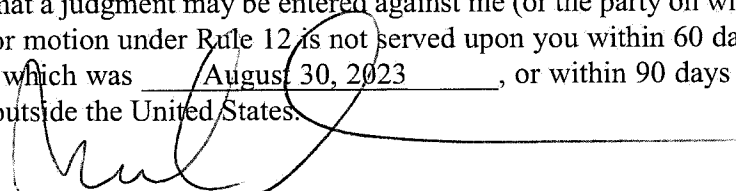
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